

8. (Original) Conduit according to claim 1, characterized in that the mentioned structure is hybrid, the wet and dry walls being constituted of different materials.

9. (Original) Conduit according to claim 1, characterized in that the wet wall is provided with structural reinforcement ribs.

10. (Original) Conduit according to claim 1, characterized in that it is constituted of independent components, connected to each other by means of removable joining elements.

11. (Original) Conduit according to claim 1, characterized in that the intermediate elements joining both walls consist of a honeycomb structure (18a), defining directly cavities isolated with regard to each to other.

12. (New) Conduit according to claims 4, characterized in that the intermediate elements joining both walls consist of the structure that fill the mentioned cavities.

13. (New) Conduit according to claims 5, characterized in that the intermediate elements joining both walls consist of the structure that fill the mentioned cavities.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and to reduce the government filing fee.

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